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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview of November 24, 2004. Claims 1 - 32 are pending in the present Application. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 8, 17 - 24 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because they are directed toward non-statutory subject matter. Further, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Burke.

In reviewing the Specification, Applicants have encountered a few typographical/grammatical errors which have been corrected. Applicants have also amended the Specification to include the Serial Nos. of all Related Applications.

In response to the 101 rejections, Applicants have amended Claims 1 - 8 and 17 - 24 to include the phrase "COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED" in front of the method (i.e., Claims 1 - 8) and the apparatus (i.e., Claims 17 - 24) claims. Consequently, Applicants believe that the 101 rejections are no longer warranted. In addition, Applicants have amended independent claims (i.e., Claims 1, 9, 17 and 25) to include the phrase "in the bookmark folder" for more definiteness.

For the reasons stated more fully below, Applicants submit that the claims are allowable over the applied reference. Hence, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

As stated in the SPECIFICATION, an active Web user may access and bookmark a great number of Web pages within a

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short span of time. Thus, to easily locate and access the bookmarked Web pages, the user has to arrange them in the folder in a logical manner. There are a number of available bookmark management tools that may be used to achieve this task. However, all of them require that the user actively manage the folder.

For example, some software management tools allow a user to set up the bookmarked Web pages into a tree-like structure. That is, a user may create sub-folders into which related bookmarked Web pages may be stored. However, the user has to create the sub-folders and meticulously assign appropriate titles to each sub-folder. In addition, the user has to be careful to store each bookmarked Web page into the proper sub-folder. The present invention, however, provides a mechanism for automatically storing bookmarked Web pages into sub-folder categories.

In accordance with the teachings of the invention, when a user is bookmarking a Web page, a check is made to determine whether the Web page to be bookmarked is assigned a category on a server. If so, the category is downloaded from the server. A sub-folder is then created with the downloaded category as a name and the bookmarked page is stored therein.

The invention is set forth in claims of varying scopes of which Claim 1 is illustrative.

1. A computer implemented method of categorizing bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder comprising the steps of:
determining whether a Web page to be bookmarked has been assigned a category on a server;

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downloading the category if the Web page has been assigned a category; creating a sub-folder in the bookmark folder with the category as a name; and storing a bookmark to the Web page into the sub-folder. (Emphasis added.)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Burke. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Burke purports to provide a system for storing bookmark files in a remote location. According to Burke, a bookmark file that is stored on a local computer system (i.e., a system that is being used by a user) may also be stored remotely for availability at anytime including when the local computer system is inoperative. When a bookmark file is being stored at a remote location, the file may be merged with another bookmark file which may have been previously stored thereat. When the bookmark files are merged together, bookmarked Web pages from the new bookmark file may be stored in categories or sub-folders in which bookmarked pages from the previously stored bookmark file are stored. The categories may be in accordance with a master set of theme and topic codes. In this case, individual pages will have been given a topic and theme code by the local system. After storing the bookmark file at the remote location, the user may at anytime download the file to any local system and the bookmarked pages will be displayed in their respective category.

However, Burke does not teach, show or so much as suggest bookmarking web pages by first **determining whether a server has assigned a category to the page** as claimed.

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Nor does Burke need to show such limitations. The disclosure of Burke is directed to storing bookmark files into remote systems such that users may always have access to the bookmark files. It is not directed to bookmark Web pages in proper categories.

Consequently, Applicants submit that Claim 1 and its dependent claims should be allowable over the cited reference. Independent Claims 9, 17 and 25 and their respective dependent claims, which all incorporate the above-emboldened-italicized limitations shown in the reproduced Claim 1 above, should be allowable as well.

Therefore, Applicants once more respectfully request reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the claims in the application.

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